



Mental Health Advocate (Full Time)

About DEWC

The Downtown Eastside Women's Centre exists to support and empower women and children living in extreme poverty in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver. High levels of violence, homelessness, addictions and poverty characterize this community where women and children are particularly vulnerable to exploitation, injustice and injury. Through the Drop-In Centre and Emergency Night Shelter, we provide practical support to over 500 women and children daily to survive the conditions of ill health and violence that surround them.

The Opportunity

The Mental Health Advocate is responsible for providing advocacy and assisted referral services to women with mental health concerns who live and/or work in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver primarily in the areas of BC Benefits and income assistance, Residential Tenancy, Housing, and the Ministry for Children and Families. Reporting directly to the Specialized Services Program Manager, the Mental Health Advocate will work in collaboration with other DEWC staff to promote integrated services to women. She will work from a feminist perspective and within an anti-oppression framework.

About You

- ✓ You have at least 3 years experience working with low-income women, at least 2 years in a women serving or inner-city drop-in environment
- ✓ You will promote and articulate the mission, mandate, philosophy, and values of the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre
- ✓ You have a strong working knowledge and analysis of the issues impacting women in the DTES, including violence against women, mental health, homelessness, and addictions and have an understanding of trauma informed practice
- ✓ You have a strong working knowledge of and ability to interpret the BC Benefits Act & Regulations, Residential Tenancy Act, and the Child Family and Community Services Act
- ✓ You have excellent writing and research skills You have certification for First Aid, and NVCI

Benefits of Joining the DEWC Team

Healthcare: extended health includes MSP, dental, vision, prescription medications, select alternative therapies, EAP life insurance and long-term disability.

Vacation & Leave: Vacation at 6% in the first year and 8% after. Sick leave credit Access to other special leaves to handle family or personal situations.

For your Retirement: Enrolled in the Municipal Pension Plan with a matching contribution from DEWC.

Other perks: Compressed work schedule, employee loan program; Regular staff development days; DEWC employees are considered first for any open positions.

POSITION DETAILS:

- Start Date: ASAP / Application Closing Date: Until Position is Filled
- Perm. full time, 9 day fortnight, 70 hrs/bi-weekly, union positions: BCGEU / \$23.00 per hour + benefits
- Location – DEWC Drop-In Centre, 302 Columbia St. Vancouver
Submit cover letter and resume to: **Mental Health Advocacy Hiring Committee** ID MH19-001
via fax (604) 681-8470 or email humanresources@dewc.ca

For full job description visit: www.dewc.ca/career

Aboriginal women and women of colour are strongly encouraged to apply / Additional languages spoken an asset.

While we thank all applicants for their interests, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted